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Interview Summary

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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(2) Justine Yu, PTO personnel.

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Date of Interview: 02 October 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Mucha (DE19503027).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

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(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicants discussed with Examiners Dixon and Yu the historical background of the instant application in light of the copending application 10/393,346. Applicants asserted the prior art made of record did not meet the current claim limitations. However, Examiners Dixon and Yu explained the broadest reasonable interpretation of the current claim limitations reads on the prior art made of record. Therefore, in an effort to expedite prosecution, Applicants and Examiners investigated the possibility of positively recitation the valve assembly's operation as it relates to the tank and filter system ability to read over the prior art made of record. Examiners advised application that the addition of new claim limitations at final status will result in an advisory action.